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# Inside Wiremen Agreement Ratified!



Nearly 2,000 IBEW 11 members gathered for a Special Called Meeting in Downtown Los Angeles in July. The members voted overwhelmingly to ratify the new Inside Wiremen's Agreement.

## New Contract Passed Overwhelmingly by Membership Following Tense Negotiations

**O**n a Saturday morning in July, nearly 2,000 IBEW 11 members filed into the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles for a Special Called Meeting concerning the ongoing contract negotiations between the union and the National

Electrical Contractors Association. Following remarks from IBEW 11 leadership, members in attendance voted overwhelmingly to ratify the new Inside Wiremen's Agreement with NECA. The contract was passed with over 70% of those voting in favor and is effective until June 30, 2022.

"These negotiations were emotional, arduous and taxing

on each negotiating committee member, whether IBEW or NECA," said IBEW 11 Business Manager Joel Barton in a message to membership. "However, we were able to come together at the 24th hour to hammer out an agreement which is beneficial to both parties."

The ratification came after months of at often-times  
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## Local 11 Members Light the Way for Veterans

### Brothers Helping Brothers Group Lends Hand at VFW Post

By Jacob Bourne

**O**n July 12, a group of 15 IBEW Local 11 members volunteered their time and labor to rehabilitate the lighting system for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Azusa, which has been a gathering place for veterans for more than 70 years. The volunteers belong to the Brothers Helping

Brothers group within Local 11.

"I founded Brothers Helping Brothers five years ago as a way to assist members who are experiencing sickness or distress from accidents or other situations," said Ivan DeHerrera, Jr., a Local 11

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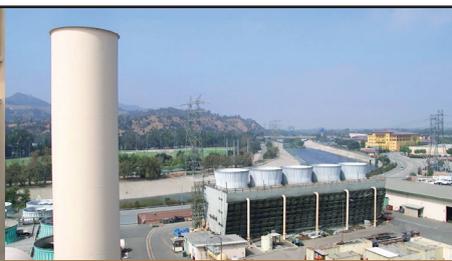


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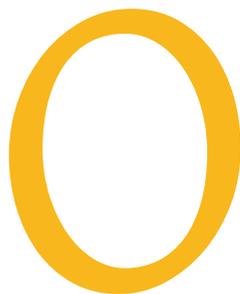
# BUSINESS MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By Joel Barton

## Members Daniel Tauch & Jesus Villavicencio Honored for Heroic Efforts

*This issue, I'm going to cede my regular column to highlight a pair of members who went above and beyond the call of duty.*

—Joel Barton, IBEW 11 Business Manager



On January 22, 2018, Daniel Tauch and Jesus Villavicencio were working overtime on a construction site. As they stood high upon the scaffolding, they saw a welder lean back and fall.

"I knew something was wrong. I saw him collapse and I needed to make sure that he was OK," said Daniel, adding that he tapped into his paternal skills. "It was like second

nature; it was the father instinct that made me do it."

Daniel hurried over to see the welder having a seizure. While everyone around froze with uncertainty, Daniel turned to the person nearest him and order them to call emergency response. Without skipping a beat, he opened the victim's mouth to look for obstructions and had the truck next to them moved to give the welder more air and space.

While this was happening, Jesus, who was on top of the 100-foot structure, also climbed down to see if he could help. After



**IBEW 11 members Daniel Tauch and Jesus Villavicencio were recognized for their quick action in assisting a fellow building trades worker in distress. With IBEW 11 President Rusty Roten and Business Manager Joel Barton.**

checking the welder's pulse and noticing it was getting weaker, Jesus started doing CPR.

"I saw that the man was unconscious and no one else was giving him first aid," Jesus said, so he did. "It was instinct; it felt like the right thing to do. It seemed like everyone just froze, and I have training through my apprenticeship."

Daniel and Jesus continued to perform CPR until emergency responders arrived on the scene. Daniel cut the welder's shirt so the paramedics could use the AED, stabilizing him enough to get him to the hospital.

The welder had suffered a brain aneurysm, and 40% of which are fatal. The CPR and care provided by Daniel and Jesus gave the welder enough time for his family to say goodbye.

## REFERRAL SYSTEM - DISPATCHING RULES EFFECTIVE DATE – OCTOBER 7, 2019

### IBEW 11 has updated the Referral System Dispatching Rules.

These rules apply to all Books within a classification and are under the sole authority, control, and interpretation of the Business Manager of IBEW Local 11.

Apprentices of any classification shall

be assigned jobs by the JAC and are not governed by these Rules except as noted.

The Dispatch Office may ask Applicants to show proof of identity and classification (original yellow dues receipt) before permitting the signing and/or referral from any 'Out of Work Register' (Book).

For the complete rules, please visit [www.IBEW11.org](http://www.IBEW11.org)

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# Grayson Re-Powering Approval Means More Jobs for Local 11

## Compromise Leads to Necessary Glendale Project Upgrade

By Jacob Bourne

**P**ower plants have historically generated a considerable amount of jobs for IBEW Local 11 members, so when the future of the Glendale Grayson Power Plant was decided by City Council members in July, the stakes were high for union workers. The power plant with its various facilities built between 1941 and 1977 had become outdated, putting residents at the risk of blackouts and threatening the shutdown of the plant itself, so plans emerged to replace obsolete components.

"I worked on the Magnolia Power

Plant, which is similar to Grayson," said Tommy Faavae, Local 11 organizer. "These types of projects provide a lot of jobs on the industry side. Over 300 of our electricians worked at Magnolia. We also had 150 Local 11 electricians work on a battery energy storage project in Pomona. This project is not as big but will still create really good jobs for our members."

Twenty Local 11 members attended the City Council meeting on July 23 to show their support for the project's approval, alongside 50 other building trades unionists who were in attendance. The strong turnout was the direct result of coordinated organizing efforts on the part of Local 11's leadership who understand the necessity of continually paving pathways for good construction jobs for members.



The Glendale City Council approved a plan to update the Grayson Power Plant, meaning future jobs for IBEW 11 members.

**"IBEW is all about creating jobs and not displacing workers. The takeaway from this experience is that even though there are disagreements, technology will keep evolving, and government officials need to stay on top of these changes so that we can transition our energy system in a way that's beneficial for the entire community."**

—Tommy Faavae, IBEW 11 Organizer

Though the work won't start for another year or two, the timing could coincide with a construction downturn and be a crucial work opportunity for members.

A plan had been hatched to build a new natural gas plant with a capacity of 262 megawatts, but several environmental groups fought back against it due to concerns about carbon emissions that exacerbate climate change. This was coupled with the awareness of a state law passed last year that mandates

California's grid to be sourced by 100 percent renewables by 2045. A new plan then emerged with a gas generation portion of 93 megawatts combined with 50 megawatts of battery storage fueled by wind and solar. Environmentalists still balked at this but are hoping that new technologies will come online in the near future to increase the reliability of a 100 percent renewables plant.

Glendale Water & Power managers have stated that given current

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## From the President: Vacation Fund

Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to talk to you about the Vacation Fund. First, only the Inside Wireman and Traffic Signal Wireman (and their apprentices) participate in the fund. The process is that every week, 12% of your weekly gross (after taxes) is deducted from your paycheck. The contractor accumulates these funds and sends them along with benefit reports on the first of the following month to the Trust office. The Trust office confirms the transfer of funds and then redistributes them to the appropriate accounts. They send 3.5% to Local 11 and 8.5% to the Credit Union. The Credit Union records who and how much for each individual and then invests the money in short term investments.

The term for each accumulation is December through May and June through November.

The Credit Union sends out an accumulation report to each participant for you to double check and make sure all of the vacation deductions were properly accounted for. If the number is wrong (by your accounting), then you can call the Credit Union and work to remedy the situation.

The Vacation Fund sends out a statement the month before distribution to each participant to offer a choice of how or where you would like

your vacation check issued. If you have a Credit Union account, you could have your money direct deposited in your account.

The issued vacation check has a statement attached that states the deducted amount plus the interest earned minus the administrative cost (per individual).

The scheduled date to receive your check is June 1st and December 1st. June 1st because when the kids are out of school that's usually the time families will go on vacation. The vacation check amount usually covers the amount of wage you would miss while on vacation and the expense of the vacation. The December 1st check is for the holiday season. Usually there are several holiday days off where you won't be earning a full paycheck and the addition of family gatherings and holiday purchases, the additional money is there to help.

If a member wishes to borrow their vacation amount early (before normal distribution) then they can borrow up to 80% of the amount. The Credit Union treats the borrowed money as a loan and an interest rate is charged. The member doesn't have to pay back the amount borrowed with monthly payments. When distribution time comes, the statement will show the total



accumulated amount minus the borrowed amount and the interest charges and the remainder (20%) is given to the member. So, you still get something on the scheduled distribution date.

This system which was created by our locals' forefathers long ago has served us very well. I hope someday that our other brothers and sisters in the other construction divisions might also be allowed to participate in this program. It's a pretty common fact that construction workers will budget their spending on what they take home. The Vacation Fund is an excellent supportive benefit!

As always, if anyone has questions just call and ask. It's important that you understand how your union works!

*In Solidarity,  
Rusty Roten*

**DISTRICT 1**  
**Shomari Davis**

- ▶ Pico & Figueroa St. Project is a dual hotel tower that is Marriott and AC Hotels 42 and 25 stories.
- ▶ 5th and Hill project overlooking the Perch restaurant is an incredible structure towering 53 Stories with swimming pools overlooking the street.
- ▶ Hollywood and Gower Project next door to the Fonda Theatre is a 22 story project just approved through planning.
- ▶ 550 Shatto Place is a 32 story tower that was just approved through planning as well.

**DISTRICT 2**  
**Gary Tomlin**

Some upcoming projects in D2

In Long Beach:

- ▶ Complete gut and remodel of the old Breakers Hotel.
- ▶ A brand new 30-story in downtown.
- ▶ The new administration building in the port.
- ▶ McKinley Elementary School (possible 4-year project).
- ▶ New building at the VA hospital.
- ▶ They are moving dirt for the start of the new battery storage facility at the AES power plant.

City of Carson:

- ▶ They are starting the underground for the new outdoor style mall, off the 405 fwy across from IKEA.

Keep an eye out for possible upcoming turn arounds at the refineries in the last quarter of the year.

**DISTRICT 3**  
**Mike Costigan**

Well, the ratification of our new 3-year contract is behind us, and it's time to get back to what we do best: Build Los Angeles County. And there is no shortage of work. As far as work on the Westside, we have the

usual jobs that have been going on for some time. Namely the stadium, LAX, and the MTA. Tutor Perini should be putting in calls soon for the third stage of the Purple line that starts in Century City and heads east. Fisk Electric is out there already doing temp power and will be building out the stations in the future. Tutor Perini will be calling out people to build and operate the tunnel boring machine (TBM). Pro-Cal is also doing light fixture retro fitting in the area for LAUSD, and on some jobs, paying over scale to get the manpower they need. I can't recall a construction boom in LA like the one we are going through now. If you know of anyone in the electrical industry who is not a member, get them in contact with our organizing department. In district three we have Oscar Martinez, whose been doing an outstanding job ever since joining our staff.

Also at this time, I'd like to mention the new members to the District 3 welfare committee. Christopher Kron, Ormond Brown and John Brown. Their service is appreciated. And to all the stewards out there, thank you. It can be a thankless job, but they deserve our respect. Get involved. Stay involved. It's YOUR union.

**DISTRICT 4**  
**Marc Greenfield**

Congratulations to Local 11 for signing a new 3-year contract! There is plenty of good work coming up in San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys. The city of Glendale has approved a major remodel of their power plant, the Burbank Airport terminal replacement project is still in the planning phase, plus lots of Tenant Improvement work for the West Valley. LAUSD and LACCD continue to provide many jobs as well.

We will need members to attend community meetings to show support for the 7,500 seat Warner Center stadium, plus the 2 hotels for the Westfield Promenade redevelopment project. More information to come.

With the current and future work picture we should continue to look great when our next contract comes up for negotiation.

I would like to thank all the members of the

Welfare Committee for all their hard work! We are always looking for members to join the Welfare Committee.

Ben Frank, the District 4 Organizer has hit the ground running and has not slowed down! He will contact anyone interested in joining this great organization.

It's hot out there, so stay hydrated.

**DISTRICT 5**  
**Mitch Klein**

Hello Brothers & Sisters from the High Desert,

Now that we are into summer the projects here are holding steady. We have more solar projects on the way. We are working the defense plants at Boeing, Lockheed and Northrop. We are continuing work at Palmdale School District, the Antelope Valley Transit Authority, the Antelope Valley Hospital and Palmdale Water District. Several contractors are also working the Kaiser medical facilities around Antelope Valley. Work at Antelope Valley College will be ramping up soon with the infrastructure project: The Security Building and the new Sage Hall.

On another note, I would like to remind all to attend our upcoming Local 11 picnic. It is a great event for the entire family. District 5 will be hosting the kid's games and face painting along with the scallywag Pirate Mitch. Remember all kids are winners.

District 5 would like to hold more Journeyman classes not only to better yourself but also to keep your State license up to date. So please sign up the next time you visit the Hall.

As you all know we are a political machine. I thank all of you who have come out to help us secure more Community Workforce agreements by attending out City Council, Waterboard, Schoolboard and Planning Commission meetings. It is all appreciated.

On a last note, I want to personally thank our officers Lancaster Planning Commissioner King Moore, Mike Kaminski, Luis Martinez, Edgar Ico, Dion Jensen, Shane Fairbrother and Victor Lambaren. Thank you again to all our volunteers, family, friends and our Business Development team who work so tirelessly to make our District and Local so great!



Local Union 11 Members arose to the occasion on Saturday, May 11. Members from our EWMC, RENEW, Veterans, Empower and Latin American clubs came together to support the National Association of Letter Carriers Annual Food Drive. Their coordinated efforts resulted in filling an 18-wheel trailer full of donated food from local area residents at the Bell Gardens/Maywood Post Office. Mike Costigan, who is a Business Agent for District 3 stated "that not only is it an honor to serve our members of Local 11 but also a privilege to be engaged with and serving our communities."



IBEW 11 had a great time at the 3rd Annual IBEW So-Cal BBQ and Chili Contest. The BBQ was held at IBEW 569 in San Diego and hosted by locals 465, 569 and 47.

## DISTRICT 6 Erik Delgado

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to start my report by thanking the members who ran for the Offices of D6 and I would like to congratulate the winners; Chair - Marvin Magana, Vice Chair - Ron Becerra, and Recording Secretary - Scott Easley, thank you for being active in our union. Also, a big shout-out to all the brothers and sisters who helped with the lighting retrofit at the Azusa VFW Post 7080, we couldn't have done it without you.

We still have a strong work picture ahead of us and the hall is a walk through. I would like to remind everyone to always work safe, you want to go home the same way as you came in. Also, that we always give "an 8 for 8 and out the gate," the bottom line, the members of IBEW LU11 are the best out there in all our classifications. It is a pleasure to represent all of you and I am always available for your questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I would like to leave you with something my dad would always tell me: "Your tools and integrity are the only thing you take with you from job to job." Those words were never truer.

## INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS Patrick Owens

Greetings IBEW Local 11 Members (Intelligent Transportation Systems, Railroad Signal Maintenance Members, Certified Crane Maintenance Members and Outfront Media Billboard Maintenance Members).

Hoping that everyone's Summer has been restful and enjoyable for you and your families.

As of this reporting, Intelligent Transportation Systems Negotiations has concluded with the ratification of a new 3-year Contract. Some of the changes would include raises over the 3 years of \$11.35 total, as well as a \$1.00 more an hour for possessing and working under the usage of a California Drivers License Class 'A', Class 'B', or an NCCO Boom Truck Operators License. In addition, overtime pay at double time after 10 hours work Monday through Saturday. A communication from Business Manager Joel Barton should be

coming to you shortly with all the new, ratified changes. Please contact me with any questions, I can be reached at 626 255-2706 cell.

To our members who are working under the Railroad Signal Maintenance Agreement you as well have a recent increase in your wages. We are currently working under an extension of your current agreement so that we may put together a new agreement which would be more 'user friendly', and current to today's advanced Railroad Maintenance Work. Your increase in hourly rate commenced on August 5, 2019, just like the Journeyman Wireman, and Intelligent Transportation Systems received. IBEW Local 11 will be meeting shortly with the employers to have industry discussions regarding changes and the new agreement. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Certified Crane Agreement members you also received an increase in wages commencing August 5, 2019. Your agreement has a direct relationship to the Inside Wireman's Agreement. So, as the Wireman's hourly rate increases so does yours. Please contact me as well with any questions.

Earlier this year IBEW Local 11 President Rusty Roten and I along with our members who work under the Outfront Media Billboard Maintenance Agreement negotiated a new 3-year agreement for work in that area of Electrical Work. It has raises in it as well.

As in all of what any of you do, there are certainly hazards and risks, to that point we would like to wish Brian Qualls, our member employed at Outfront Media a speedy recovery from a worksite accident he was involved in. Get better soon Brian!

## SOUND & COMMUNICATIONS Chuck Webb

Brothers and Sisters,

We find ourselves with new and different challenges. While the work picture is great, we need manpower. We are working on new and creative ways to identify prospective members. We must fill these jobs so that our contractors can continue to grow. The future of Low Voltage Systems installations and maintenance is growing at a greater rate than was ever anticipated, and it is a challenge that we must meet.

The work picture is great, the hall is a walkthrough, and it may remain this way for

the near future. Be sure to stay on top of your Certifications, they are the keys to a great future. Be sure to give 8 for 8, DON'T BE LATE!

A shout out to Donna Becerra recovering from surgery.

## UNIT 14 CIVIL SERVICE Luis Arida

Sisters and Brothers,

**Below are updates to our contract negotiations:**

**LAUSD:** By now all of you should have received your retro money along with the new raises. If not, please let me know immediately at (626) 712-4769. Some of you may have received RIF notices. At this time it is unknown if the District intends to follow through. If anything the District is short on qualified manpower and should be looking to ramp up instead of down. I will keep you posted in the coming weeks.

**LA County:** As of this writing, the LA County Board of Supervisors has approved our ratified contract. You should have already received your 8 hours of holiday time as well as the \$500 bonus. As soon as I have more information about the retro pay, I will inform you. It is important now more than ever to remain strong and in solidarity.

**LA City:** The LA City Council intends to approve our new contract on Friday August 9<sup>th</sup>. Once that is complete, the City will begin the process of implementing our raises and retro money. The Retro will cover all hours worked back to October 18, 2018. I thank you for your patience.

**MOU 35:** Unfortunately the new MOU 35 contract has still not yet been fully negotiated. IBEW Local 11 is working diligently with the LA/OC Building Trades Council to get the improvements to the contract that you have been asking for. Thank you for your continued support and patience. I am confident that in the end we will have a contract that is worthy of the talents that you all provide to the City on a daily basis.

For further information, please attend our Unit 14 Civil Service meeting which is held every 4th Thursday of the month! If you would like to speak to me directly, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone at (626) 712-4769. Alternatively you can email me directly at [arida@ibew11.org](mailto:arida@ibew11.org).

## HomeWalk 2019

Every year like clockwork Local 11 musters volunteers to participate in annual Los Angeles events as a way of giving back to our community for the opportunities that are afforded us. One of the variables that is tremendously affecting our City and communities of Los Angeles is the growing population of homelessness that we visually see every day. One of the many contributing factors of homelessness is our returning Veterans. But every year Local 11 partners with United Way of Los Angeles to help eviscerate Veteran Homelessness by participating in the Homeless Hero's Run / Walk Event. More importantly, our Members turn out to help volunteer their time to help facilitate parking and providing assistance to the multiple thousands of Angelenos who participate in raising monies that are matched by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to help assist with creating veteran shelters.

— MIKE KUFCHAK, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



## Lobby Day

California State Association of Electrical Workers Legislative Lobby Day 2019.





## CONTRACT

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contentious negotiations between the Local and NECA. At a Special Called Meeting in June, IBEW 11 voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike, and the Local received strike sanction approval from the IBEW International President; Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council; Los Angeles County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO; and International Brotherhood of Teamsters Joint Council 42.

“We now move forward together as one to further the industry, secure more work for our IBEW members and NECA contractors and make Los Angeles the greatest union city in America,” Business Manager Barton said. “This contract could not have been forged without you the members solidarity, tenacity and steadfast will during negotiations. Whether it be turning out in large numbers for the first set of proposals which

were rejected, getting involved with phone calls or talking about it on the job, it was you, the members, who brought this to the finish and created the best Inside Wiremen’s Agreement in IBEW Local 11’s history.”

The new Inside Wiremen’s Agreement between Local 11 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Los Angeles County Chapter National Electrical Contractors Association 2019-2022 will be printed and mailed to all associated with the Agreement to the address on file with the Local Union.

### Inside Wiremen’s Contract

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022

Passed with 72.3% Voting in Favor

For a summary of the contract, visit [www.ibew11.org](http://www.ibew11.org)



IBEW 11 Business Manager Joel Barton addressed the members during a Special Called Meeting in Downtown Los Angeles in July.



## Moving Forward with the CW/CE Classifications

Writing the local’s next chapter will depend on our acceptance of those organized hands into the alternative classifications and how our membership is willing to view them. Remember the 1st object of our IBEW Constitution is ...”to organize all workers in the entire electrical industry in the United States and Canada, including all those in public utilities and electrical manufacturing, into local unions”. It will depend on whether our membership will acknowledge the history of how the IBEW was built, “one member at a time” and they were all welcome.

The construction industry of the postwar period that some of us knew is all but gone. This is for many reasons, including technological and material changes, changes in the way electrical work is installed, more cable trays, less conduit, more open wiring and so on. Times are different and so are people, including the membership of this great union.

We must accept what the future will bring, and as we attempt to maneuver through the maze of it, will have to adapt to what we find along the way. If we don’t, then we must accept the fate of having fewer members and less market share and be relegated to

the large industrial jobs until our presence there is gone as well. The recovery programs of CW/CE alternative classifications and the Code of Excellence are here to stay. Now we must move on to the next step: Embracing these new members, training and uplifting them. We must be active at work, making sure the right ratios and the right programs are in place to advance our industry for the greater good of the IBEW.

The IBEW is one of the best unions in the world. Our members are leaders in their communities, leaders in their places of worship and the entire labor movement.

Brothers and Sisters, we have had a good and constructive debate about this subject, even if it’s been heated at times. However the debate is over and we will move forward with the CW/CE classifications and the Code of Excellence message. We realize that this means a drastic change in our culture, but not so much our history because many of our local unions have utilized alternative classifications in the past. We have had a long debate and good debate on this subject. Rather than keep on arguing, it’s time to move forward, close the debate and get down to the business of growing our Brotherhood so that we can count on a solid base for generations to come.

## Zamora Celebrates 50 Years

Retiree's Club would like to say thank you to Joel Barton for taking the time to present Joe Zamora his 50 year pin at our Summer Luncheon.



## IBEW 11 Brothers With 50 Years of Service

A few of our seasoned Brothers received service pins from the International at a recent General Meeting. This recognition is given to members with at least 50 years of service. All

were identified by President Rusty Roten and awarded their service pins by Brother Joel Barton, Business Manager of IBEW Local 11. It is with pride we present these Brothers to you.



Pictured, from left: Rusty Roten, president of IBEW Local 11; Joe Wassenaar with 55 years of service; Johnny Lenau with 60 years of service; Joel Barton Business Manager of IBEW Local 11; Ron Morgan with 50 years of service; Alan Van Cleave with 55 years of service; and Paul Highfill with 55 years of service seated in the scooter. Not pictured but receiving his 55-year service pin was Bill Curtis.

## Members Celebrate 50 Years

At the District 3 Unit Meeting on May 2, Robert H. "Bob" Brackett and Jeffrey Steinberg received their 50 year Pins from the IBEW. Bob Brackett is still active in District 3 and Jeff Steinberg has recently gone on staff at the E.T.I. trying to help train the next generation of Journeyman Wiremen. Pictured with Mike Costigan.



## Standel 70 Year Pin

District 4 was honored to have Brother Jack Standel receive his 70 years of service pin at the District 4 Unit meeting on June 4. Brother Standel joined IBEW 11 at the age of 21, in 1949, after his service to our country in WWII. Retiring in



1978, after 29 years of active service as an IBEW Electrician, Brother Standel became an Electrical Inspector for the City of Los Angeles until 1994. He now travels with his son, Ross Standel. During his acceptance speech, Standel fondly remembered his apprenticeship in IBEW, "My Journeyman use to come to work and I used to have to carry his tools. He had them wrapped in a cloth. He would unwrap them, and he use to ask me for certain tools, and I would give them to him. At the end of the day I had to wrap up his tools and give them back to him and he would go home. The good old days." He laughed and continued, "I had some great Journeyman that taught me everything I know," but he stressed to the apprentices in the room how important is to continue going to school and continue learning in their trade. Standel worked on some of the great projects of our time, like the original Sylmar Intertie, which is part of the Pacific DC Intertie. After the earthquake in 1971 he returned to rebuild the Sylmar Converter Station. He reminisced about his time in Palmdale, working outside on the transformers and it being so cold they had to wrap themselves up in plastic to stay warm. Brother Standel shared some great memories with the room. He was presented with his pin by District 4 Agent, Marc Greenfield, and he recalled working with Mr. Greenfields father back in the day. Brother Standel still practices his trade around his home to keep his skills fresh, but his days of bending pipe are in the past.

## RETIREE REPORT

This year's picnic is being held at Hollywood Sports Park in BELLFLOWER on Saturday, September 28, 2019. At our booth we'll be selling T-shirts and holding a 50/50 raffle as fundraisers for the retirees' club. We'll also need help with the operation of our booth

so if you can help us out for a bit please do.

Our recent guest speaker was Chris Gonzales (a retired member of Local 11) of Hempwork. He explained some of the difference between Marijuana and Hemp. He said some of the benefits of Hemp Oil:

- 】 You don't get high
- 】 Improves Overall Health
- 】 Helps improve healthy weight loss
- 】 Promotes Healthy Digestion
- 】 Maintains Normal and Stable Mood
- 】 And much more

We had a couple of members talk about the benefits of Hemp products both for human and pets consumption. If you are interested in more information on this product you can Email him at [chrishempworx@gmail.com](mailto:chrishempworx@gmail.com).

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## BROTHERS HELPING BROTHERS

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In the past Brothers Helping Brothers has generally held events such as barbecues to help raise money for members who are struggling with personal difficulties. However, whenever Local 11 would meet regularly for union meetings at the VFW, it was noticed that the aged lighting system was starting to fail, sometimes even leaving veterans in the dark, especially in the kitchen. DeHerrera immediately identified it as an opportunity to expand the reach of Brothers Helping Brothers and reached out to get members on board.

With the help of Morrow Meadows, who donated the light fixtures; and Conti Electric, who supplied the scissor lifts for the project, the members met at the VFW following a full day’s work and donated their time and skills until 11 p.m. to get all 35 light fixtures back on for veterans and the community.

With the lights shining brightly the veterans are now able to fully enjoy their facility for social and community-building events. Spaces at the VFW are also rented out to the greater community, so the efforts will have far-reaching benefits. DeHerrera plans to use the momentum to spur Brothers Helping Brothers to tackle projects at other VFWs. At a recent union meeting 35 members signed up for future volunteer projects. “At this point we have enough contractors and volunteers on board to do all the



**Brothers Helping Brothers is an IBEW 11 community volunteer activity group that assists people in need.**

VFW’s in LA County,” he said. The next volunteer project will likely be for the VFW in Pomona, which in itself will be a good organizing opportunity as the Union doesn’t currently have any PLAs in that city.

The efforts are especially meaningful for Local 11 members, because many of them are veterans themselves, so not only is it brothers helping brothers, but it’s also veterans helping veterans. Additionally, the volunteer activities are chances to organize as they provide veterans who are returning home from recent service to the country with an opportunity to learn about the promising career paths through becoming a member of IBEW 11.

“Our members want to be involved,” DeHerrera commented. “Anytime we do community service it’s good for the Union.”

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## ANNUAL UNION PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Food Served 11:00 am. to 3:00 p.m.



### HOLLYWOOD SPORTS PARK

9030 Somerset Blvd., Bellflower, CA 90706

**TICKETS** sold at gate on day of event:

Adult - \$12.00 / Child (12 & Under) - \$8.00

### ENTERTAINMENT:

Disc Jockey • Raffles • Bingo  
Horseshoes • Cigar Lounge • Bounce Houses  
Adult Games • Children Games & Prizes



## GRAYSON

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technological capabilities, the plant doesn’t have enough land to develop a solar-based utility with sufficient capacity and battery storage to deliver reliable energy to Glendale. Council members who approved the hybrid gas and renewables project were concerned about blackouts resulting from fluctuations from an all-renewables plant.

The project will replace existing gas turbines with a combination of wind, solar power and battery storage along

with five internal combustion natural gas systems. The gas systems will be more efficient and burn less natural gas to produce the same amount of energy, so the project will result in reduced carbon emissions.

“IBEW is all about creating jobs and not displacing workers,” said Faavae. “The takeaway from this experience is that even though there are disagreements, technology will keep evolving, and government officials need to stay on top of these changes so that we can transition our energy system in a way that’s beneficial for the entire community.”